

Council of Ministers

(54th Meeting)

7th October 2025Part A (Non-Exempt)

All members were present, with the exception of Deputy M.R. Le Hegarat of St. Helier North, Minister for Justice and Home Affairs, Deputy I.J. Gorst of St. Mary, St. Ouen and St. Peter, Minister for External Relations, Deputy S.Y. Mézec of St. Helier South, Minister for Housing, and Deputy M.E. Millar of St. John, St. Lawrence and Trinity, Minister for Treasury and Resources, from whom apologies had been received.

Deputy L.J. Farnham of St. Mary, St. Ouen and St. Peter, Chief Minister (not present for part of item B2)

Connétable R. Vibert of St. Peter, Minister for Children and Families

Connétable A.N. Jehan of St. John, Minister for Infrastructure

Deputy C.F. Labey of Grouville and St. Martin, Minister for International Development

Deputy S.G. Luce of Grouville and St. Martin, Minister for the Environment (for items A1-A3 and part of item B2 only)

Deputy K.F. Morel of St. John, St. Lawrence and Trinity, Minister for Sustainable Economic Development (not present for part of item B3)

Deputy R.J. Ward of St. Helier Central, Minister for Education and Lifelong Learning

Deputy L.V. Feltham of St. Helier Central, Minister for Social Security

Deputy T.J.A. Binet of St. Saviour, Minister for Health and Social Services (for items A3 and B1-B2 only)

## In attendance -

Connétable M.K. Jackson of St. Brelade, Representative of the Comité des Connétables

Deputy M.R. Ferey of St. Saviour, Assistant Chief Minister

Deputy A. Howell of St. John, St. Lawrence and Trinity, Assistant Minister for Health and Social Services

Deputy M.R. Scott of St. Brelade, Assistant Minister for Sustainable Economic Development

M.H. Temple, K.C., H.M. Attorney General

M. Jowitt, K.C., H.M. Solicitor General

Dr. A. McLaughlin, Chief Executive and Head of the Public Service, Government of Jersey

W. Millow, Deputy Greffier of the States

P. Wylie, Chief Officer, Cabinet Office (for item B3 only)

T. Dodd, Director for Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Department (for item B2 only)

C. Dodd, Principal Engineer, Road Network Management, Infrastructure and Environment Department (for item B2 only)

F. Walker, Head of Policy, Cabinet Office (for item B3 only)

K. Pilley, Head of Place and Spatial Planning, Cabinet Office (for part of items A3 and B1 and B2 only)

P. Bradbury, Head of Ministerial Office

O. Chaplin, Sector Lead – Retail and Visitor Economy, Department for the Economy (for part of items A3 and B1 only)

T. Brackenbury, Sector Lead – Aviation and Maritime – Department for the Economy (for part of items A3 and B1 only)  
L. Irving, Sector Officer for Maritime, Department for the Economy (for part of items A3 and B1 only)  
A. Thorne, Research and Administration Officer – Business and Governance, Ministerial Office  
T. Mourant, Private Secretary to the Chief Minister  
K.L. Slack, Senior Secretariat Officer, States Greffe

Note: The Minutes of this meeting comprise Parts A and B.

- Minutes. A1. The Minutes of the meeting of 29th August 2025 (Part A only), having previously been circulated, were taken as read and were confirmed.
- Declarations of interest. A2. No declarations of interest were received in connexion with any of the items discussed at the current meeting.
- Forthcoming business. A3. The Council discussed the following item of public business, which was scheduled to be considered at the meeting of the States Assembly on 21st October 2025 –

Draft Harbours (Inshore Safety) (Jersey) Amendment Regulations 202- (P.3/2025)  
The Council recalled that the States Assembly had approved the principles of P.3/2025 on 8th July 2025 and that the proposition had subsequently been called in for scrutiny by the Economic and International Affairs Scrutiny Panel. It was noted that the Panel had undertaken a full review of the draft Regulations but had not lodged an amendment.

The Council was reminded that the purpose of the draft Regulations was to make the Island's territorial waters safer and increase user accountability. The proposition would introduce new offences for dangerous and careless operation of a recreational maritime vessel and aggravated offences where the skipper was under the influence of alcohol or drugs. It was recalled that, in its initial comments, which had been presented on 4th July 2025, the Scrutiny Panel had questioned the rationale for not introducing a standalone offence of being intoxicated or under the influence of drugs when in control of such a vessel in line with the provisions contained within the Road Traffic (Jersey) Law 1956.

The Council was informed that the draft Regulations would, however, introduce the offences of causing death or serious injury by the careless operation of a ship when under the influence of drink or drugs and would give the Police and Harbour Master the authority to require a breath test of a suspect during the course of an investigation into such offences. The Council was mindful that there was separate legislation relating to commercial vessels.

The Council noted the position.